

# St. John's Church of England Academy



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## Newsletter

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**Guided by God, to be the best that you can be.**



### Didn't we have a lovely time...

Year six once again enjoyed a fantastic residential trip to Seahouses which included many excursions to enhance learning in RE, science, history, geography and PHSE. These included: a boat trip to the Farne Islands; walking to the pilgrim's route to the Holy Island; a visit to the Grace Darling Museum and a tour of Bambrugh Castle, complete with ghost stories! The

children had a wonderful time and many members of the public came to congratulate them on their exemplary behaviour and lovely manners. We were very proud of them.



### A Celtic Assembly

Year 1 celebrated their final assembly of the year last Friday based on their work around the Katie Morag books by Mairi Hederwick, based on the Uskle of Coll. They read their work about life on the small island and entertained the audience with poems, songs and a dance with a Scottish flavour. They also celebrated receiving silver merit certificates and free library books for excellent reading. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend.



### 'What's money worth?'

The whole school took part in a Baranabas themed day 'What's money worth?' led by Mr Chris Hudson.

Every class explored their own attitudes towards

money and how they spend it. They heard a range of bible stories and, through them, considered Christian teaching about money, treasures and what is of the most value to us. Feedback from the children was very positive and included comments such as 'thought provoking'. Many children said that the day had inspired them to reconsider how they spend their pocket money.



## No small achievement!

On Thursday 9th June, children from Y4, Y5 and Y6 represented school at the Small Schools Athletics Festival held at Eastbourne Sports Complex.



The children enjoyed participating in track events such as: 600m; 80m and 60m sprints; relay and hurdles. In the field events, they also competed in the howler throw, 2 feet standing jump, triple jump and chest throw. Tori and George, from Y4, both ran the 600m in the Y5 race and did exceptionally well when competing against older children. A special mention to Max Y6, Lacy Y5 and James Y6 who all won medals for their events. Olivia Y4 took part in the disability events for sprint, hurdles, long jump and the triple jump she won gold in each event.



May we remind parents/carers that we can not allow dogs on the school premises for health and safety reasons. Please be considerate towards those who may be afraid of dogs by not tying up your dog on the railings by the school

## BOOK AMNESTY!



It is getting close to the end of another school year and we are appealing to you all to have a look around your homes and return any school reading books your child may still have (they will receive an 'Honesty' house point for every book returned). Our reading books are quickly depleting and are very expensive to replace.

If you are having a clear out, we always welcome good quality books your child no longer wants.

Thank you for your help.

## Dates for Diaries

21.6.16	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am - parents welcome	
22.6.16	Year 5 Orienteering Festival at Tees Valley	
22.6.16	Quad Kids Final Y3 & Y4 - am	
22.6.16	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am - parents welcome	
23.6.16	Year 6 Hockey Festival at Tees Valley - 9am - 3.30pm	
23.6.16	Year 4 Halle Orchestra at the Dolphin Centre	
25.6.16	Darlington Carnival - Year 5	
27.6.16	Year 6 Darlington Football Coaching - AM	
28.6.16	Year 5 Mixed Cricket Festival 9am - 3pm	
29.6.16	Year 1 & Year 2 trip to Captain Cook Museum	
29.6.16	Farm Bus visits Nursery	
2.7.16	St. John's Church Fair - all welcome	
5.7.16	Year 2 trip to Durham Cathedral	
6.7.16	Sports Day - pm parents welcome	
7.7.16	Community Games Y3 & Y4 - 10am - 3pm	
8.7.16	Reception Class Assembly 9am - parents welcome	
11.7.16	Y5 Young Leaders training at Eastbourne Complex 9am-12noon	
14.7.16	Year 3 Class Music Assembly 2.45pm - parents welcome	
14.7.16	Year 6 Bike Ride to Middleton St George - whole day	
15.6.16	Year 5 Class Assembly - parents welcome	
19.7.16	Sainsbury's School Sports Day	
20.7.16	Year 6 Leavers' Service - Y6 parents welcome 9am	
20.7.16	Break up for summer hols. Return Monday 5.9.16	

## Summer is here at last!

As you know it is vitally important that your child comes to school with a cap/hat and suncream as it can get very hot during break times. Although shade and access to the ICT suit is provided, a lot of the children like to run around and play on the field, so it is important that they are well protected from the sun.



## Lost Property



We still have an abundance of unclaimed jumpers, jackets and various other items that have not been claimed for sometime! If you think your child has a missing item of uniform, please have a look in our lost property area which is situated by the exit door in the KS2 area. The best time to take a look is when dropping off or collecting your child from school. **Please name all items of clothing so that they can be returned to the children.** Thank you.